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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## TRAINING EVENT TO TEST CAPABILITIES OF RESPONDERS

San Diego Metropolitan Medical Strike Team to Stage Drill at Fairgrounds

**WHO:** San Diego Metropolitan Medical Strike Team (MMST)

**WHAT:** Drill to test MMST's abilities to respond to an explosion in a terrorist

attack

**WHEN:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22

WHERE: Del Mar Fairgrounds

2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard

Del Mar

**WHY:** The event is one of several drills the MMST does every year to

ensure preparedness. It will feature an explosive device that will be set off near the fairgrounds entrance, as well as crews practicing their response to the explosion and mock injuries. The MMST is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary regional weapons of mass destruction response team. Members include SWAT, the San

Diego County Bomb and Arson squad, Hazardous Materials, Public Health and Emergency Medical Services. MMST team members have special training and equipment for responding to weapons of

mass destruction events.

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Editor's Note: A staging area in full view of the exercise will be set up to facilitate photography.

San Diego's Regional
Weapon of Mass Destruction Response Team